

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE: **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN**

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY

Governor Granholm will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

GROWING THE ECONOMY

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her investment missions to Japan have attracted more than 1,030 new jobs and more than \$200 million in new investment from Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21st Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why in just three years, her administration has made it possible for more than 292,000 uninsured or under-insured citizens to receive affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage; and they've created the MiRx drug discount program that's helping 35,000 Michiganians purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

EDUCATING OUR KIDS

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

Granholm Administration Accomplishments for Michigan's GLBT Community

Governor Granholm and her administration have consistently fought for equality and inclusion for all Michigan citizens including the GLBT community. Governor Granholm's administration has:

Invested in the Diversity of Michigan's Residents

- **Appointed a Cabinet that Reflects 'One Michigan.'** Governor Granholm appointed what is believed to be the most diverse cabinet in the history of the state. After receiving thousands of applications from women and men around Michigan and the country, the Governor selected a group that exemplifies the core values of her administration and a cross-section of this great state – including dozens of qualified openly GLBT people to key positions in state government, including an openly gay man as her Chief of Staff and the first openly gay Judge.
- **Banned Discrimination in State Employment.** Governor Granholm signed an Executive Directive banning discrimination in state employment based on sexual orientation.
- **Protected Residents from Hate Crimes.** In response to a spike of hate crime and a report issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicating an escalating problem with hate crime in Michigan, Governor Granholm, in partnership with Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT) hosted a press conference on hate crime in Michigan. The press conference highlighted the increasing problem of hate crime in Michigan, and initiated a more focused and strategic dialogue on how to counteract the increasing trend. Participating members of the ALPACT coalition included the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Anti-Defamation League, National Coalition for Community and Justice, Detroit Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and others. The conference was intended to draw attention to the increasing and spreading hate activity and the steps necessary to prevent the increase and spread of such crimes in Michigan. (December 6, 2005).
- **Supports Affirmative Action.** Governor Granholm firmly believes that every Michigan citizen deserves a fair chance to succeed; and stands with educators and clergy, business and labor, elected officials, and Michigan citizens in opposing the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI).
- **Urged Legislators to pass Anti-bullying Legislation.** Governor Granholm urged legislators to pass bills that would protect Michigan children from harassment or bullying at school. Granholm called for tough, new, anti-bullying legislation in her 2006 State of the State address.
- **Supports Domestic Partner Benefits.** Governor Granholm supports domestic partner benefits including granting domestic partner benefits for state employees and fighting efforts in court by Attorney General Mike Cox to prevent these benefits from taking effect.
- **Helped finance the construction of a new headquarters for Affirmations Community Center.** Through a "Cool Cities" grant in Ferndale, a new headquarters was constructed for Affirmations Community Center. Governor Granholm was proud to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Community Center.
- **Awarded VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) money through the Crime Victims Services Commission.**
- **Supports expanding Michigan's Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation.**
- **Approved Rule Change on Birth Certificates.** Approved a change in rules regarding birth certificates to allow a second same sex parent to be listed on the birth certificate.

- **Publicly spoke out against Proposal 2.** Governor Granholm was instrumental in securing the largest donation that the campaign against the amendment received.
- **Supports civil unions.**
- **Need to Do What's Best for Children.** Governor Granholm believes that in adoption cases, the courts need to do what is in the best interest of the child – regardless of the sexual orientation of the adopting parents.
- **Opposed Conscientious Objector Legislation.** Governor Granholm opposed conscientious objector legislation that was so broad it could be construed to allow doctors and medical personnel to refuse to treat gay and lesbian people if they were morally opposed to homosexuality.
- **Encourages State agencies to work with the GLBT community.** Some examples include:
 - Department of Civil Rights trained all 200 staff on GLBT issues and appointed a GLBT Liaison.
 - Department of Corrections has stopped asking prisoners if they are gay.
 - Many department directors have met with GLBT community leaders to hear concerns.